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Dear Dr. Bernstein:

Yours of the 20th just received. I am sure I really don't know which of your remarks require the apology tendered therein, so I can hardly accept it. I think you will find that most informed Americans share ~~strongly~~ a considered vexation at our immigration policy, and if any apologies are needed it should be on our account, not yours. I am glad to hear that you have received your visa.

As to your financial problem (or would it be fairer to call this fiscal?), I am sure we will be able to make arrangements, after you get here, for an advance on your salary. The registration fee has been increased to \$90, but you need not be concerned about finding the means of deferring payment. Of course, the more capital you can have with you, the less need you will have to rely on this, but please do not be overly concerned.

Have you thought of any materials you might find it advantageous to bring over from your own work? We have been going very slowly with our studies on O55 and O111 crosses with the thought that you might be particularly interested in this problem. We do not have many sera, and our facilities for housing rabbits are very poor indeed-- if there is anything along this line that you can more easily bring with you, I suggest that you do it. The H2-H6-H7 types of O55 and corresponding sera might be especially useful. I do not propose that you should go directly on with your more strictly serological studies, but these might be fitted in very advantageously with genetic investigations.

If you have any possible opportunity to do so, I urge you to visit Spicer and Stocker in London before you leave (though they might be away to Rome). They might be able to offer some useful advice on financial problems, aside from their recent association with our research program here. Please give them my very best regards, of course.

I do not know whether E.S. Anderson will have returned to England by this time. While he was here, I chanced to find him a room unusually convenient to campus. As you had previously mentioned some slight concern about housing, we thought to make a tentative reservation on your behalf. I doubt that you would be able to find better, at least for the start, but if you have any doubt about the arrangement, please let me know. Anderson was very satisfied with the room in spite of the other tenants' being women (of not very tender years).

Please do not be hesitant (or apologetic) if anything else can be done here to smooth your way. I will expect to hear from you again when you know your travel plans. [If you have the time, you might wish to take the opportunity to visit a few laboratories near New York on your way here; it might not be convenient again for some time. Stocker or Spicer might be able to advise you on this as well].

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg